

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, May 1, 2014

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall with members Spinner, Souders and Cox present. Also present was City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Leslie Denu was present to seek approval for a Special Event Permit Application. The event is "Race for the R.I.D.G.E. 5K Run/Walk" to be held on May 31, 2014 from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the special event application as noted above.

Wayne Mathias indicated that he and Bernie Main have purchase the old American Legion building in Huntingburg and would like to put a new roof and new windows in the building. He requested Market Street be closed when the work is being done.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the closing of Market Street between Main Street and the Bank exit during the repair work at the building as noted above.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that Aaron Bell has resigned from the Huntingburg Fire Department due to moving to Holland. He indicated that Bell has expressed interest in purchasing his turn-out coat and pants to use when he joins the Holland Department. Patberg indicated that the both pieces of gear have about 1.5 years remaining in there 10 year lifespan and he estimated there value to be \$200.00.

Attorney Schneider indicated that the City could sell the gear to another unit of government.

A motion was made Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to offer the sale of the above referenced firefighting gear to the Holland Volunteer Fire Department for \$200.00.

Patberg presented two firefighter applications and requested that they be recommended to the Common Council to be place on a list of approved firefighters. The

applicants are Josh Hemmer and Paula Hemmer who both have their firefighting certifications.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Souders and carried to recommend to the Common Council that the names of both Josh Hemmer and Paula Hemmer be placed on a the approved list of firefighters.

Wastewater Superintendent Kemp presented his monthly report. Kemp noted that he received a quote from Commonwealth Engineers for a revised phosphorus removal study in the amount of \$5,900.00. He noted that the phosphorus removal is a new requirement for 2017.

The Mayor indicated that he is looking to use EDIT funds for professional services to pay for the study.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Spinner and carried to accept the quote of \$5,900.00 from Commonwealth Engineers for a revised phosphorus removal study.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He indicated that he has about 10 applicants for the Police Reserve program and that he plans to have them come to next month's meeting.

Parks updated the Board on the Operation Pullover Grant (\$1,500) and the Drug Taskforce Grant (\$1,000).

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that he would like to sell the 1978 Trash truck that is in need of repair and no longer needed. He indicated the value is estimated to be between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Spinner and carried to declare the 1978 trash truck surplus.

Stamm will determine the date and time of a public meeting to open sealed bids for the 1978 trash truck.

Stamm indicated that he found another supplier of a patch machine and he has solicited a price from them and he will present the bids at the June 5, 2014 meeting.

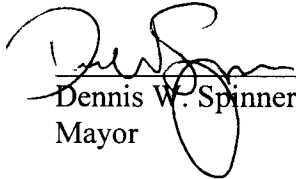
Stamm indicated that there is an issue on County Road 400 concerning corn stalks that have washed up on the roadway and in the fields. Dave Ring who farms the property addressed the Board with his concern of how to get rid of the corn stalks. Neither Ring nor the City has the equipment to remove the stalks. The solution that Stamm and Ring came up with was to burn them in place. Stamm noted that the owner of the property is Farbest Foods and the property is within the City limits therefore permission is needed to burn from Farbest Foods and the City. Stamm noted that the stalks need to be gotten rid of because they will continue to cause a drainage problem if another significant rain event

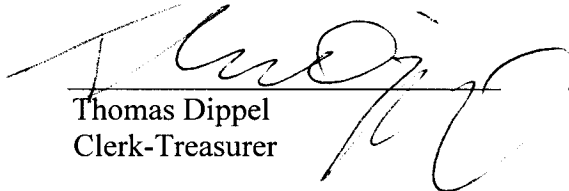
occurs. It was noted that the City will need to check with IDEM for a controlled burn. Ring presented photos of the washed up cornstalks.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve a controlled burn on County Road 400 West to remove cornstalks at a time convenient for all parties involved.

Code Enforcement Officer Collett presented his monthly report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried at 9:05 A.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer